

Town of Holland

Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

February 26, 2008

Gene Jentink
Village President
22 Willow Ave
Cedar Grove, WI 53013

Gene Jentink:

The Town of Holland Board took up the matter of hydrant “hook-up” charges as you requested at our recent joint meeting of the respective Boards. It is our desire to do what is right, and to avoid any unjust shift of costs either to the Village or to the Town.

After discussion at our February meeting of the Town Board, the Town of Holland Board offers to pay a water surcharge of 50% over the guidelines set forth by the Public Service Commission. Structuring it in this way builds in additional revenues for the Village in proportion to the size of the fire. If this is acceptable, we recommend modifying Paragraph 7 of our Fire Department Agreement to read:

- 7. COST OF WATER: The cost of water will be sold per the guidelines set forth by the Public Service Commission, plus 50% in lieu of all other fees, rental charges, or costs related to the consumption, use, or conveyance of the water as related to firefighting services.*

Please be assured that the Town Board offers this possible revision believing it is fair and just. If you believe that further consideration and discussion on this matter is needed, we would appreciate a written presentation of the facts and the specific end result you seek. Our principal reason for requesting a written presentation of facts is to reduce the likelihood of incomplete or incorrect information. We want to avoid misunderstandings.

You naturally may at any time open up the Agreement for renegotiation under Paragraph 8. However the Town Board believes that this narrow matter does not merit such a broad action as to open up the entire agreement for renegotiation. We believe that the Village Board likely feels the same way on this matter.

As always, please feel free to call and discuss this or any other matter of interest to our respective organizations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Becker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Donald W. Becker
Chairman, Town of Holland